

## Willie Blount to Andrew Jackson, October 18, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### WILLIE BLOUNT TO JACKSON.

Nashville, October 18, 1813.

*Dear Genl.* , By last mail I recd. a letter from Judge Toulmin inclosing the deposition of a Mr. McCombs who had been at Pensacola from Apl. last to about the middle of Sept. and he in his deposition accounts for the delay of the Creeks in their attack on our frontiers then after its being determined at Pensacola in June or July last that they should invade our state, and the time set for doing so which was some time last month, the Governor there sent messengers into the Nation advising the Creeks to delay a short time, that he the Governor was not ready neither could he be until the British should send on the presents and supplies from the Bahama Islands—since the messengers started to the Nation a Schooner has arrived at Pensacola with the presents etc. from the Bahamas and now I suppose the Creeks and Spaniards will soon be in motion to execute their plan but I hope you and Genl. Cocke will inforce yours first. I have to regret with you that certain volunteer Companies of armed men were not recd. at Fayetteville. I hope that several have however joined you since your departure from that place as several companies have been by Colo. Bradley, Wynne and myself encouraged to join you. I have written to Geo. S. Gaines, Judge Toulmin and Genl. Flournoy<sup>1</sup> that Col. Coffee with 800 or 1000 mounted men were on their march to their relief, that 5000 men from this State were in motion against the Creeks and that some thousands from Georgia would join you—letters from Highwassee of the 12th. say that there was 1500 or 2000 men there from Et. Tenn. and

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that 800 Cherokees would be with you, but of these things you are better informed than I am as my information is not direct from any officer there. . . .

1 Wilkinson was recalled from the 7th Military District in the spring of 1813, and the command fell to Brigadier-Gen. Thomas Flourney. Later in the year Major-Gen. Thomas Pinckney, commander of the 6th District, the south Atlantic coast, was given additional authority over the 7th, Flourney serving under his authority. In the spring of 1814 Flourney resigned and New Orleans was left temporarily without a high officer in command. George S. Gaines and Judge Harry Toulmin lived in southern Alabama. Toulmin at Wakefield, near McIntosh's Bluff, on the Tombigbee River.